

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

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3 In the Matter of

4 **JOHN C. WOODS, M.D.**

5 Holder of License No. 19005
6 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine
7 In the State of Arizona.

Case No: MD-05-0868A

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER
FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF
LICENSE**

8 **INTRODUCTION**

9 The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Medical
10 Board on August 30, 2005. After reviewing relevant information and deliberating, the
11 Board considered proceedings for a summary action against the license of John C.
12 Woods, M.D. ("Respondent"). Having considered the information in the matter and being
13 fully advised, the Board enters the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law
14 and Order for Summary Suspension of License, pending formal hearing or other Board
15 action. A.R.S. § 32-1451(D).

16 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

17 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for licensing and regulating the
18 practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

19 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 19005 for the practice of allopathic
20 medicine in the State of Arizona.

21 3. The Board initiated case number MD-05-0868A on August 22, 2005 after
22 being informed that Respondent had been arrested on or about August 16, 2005 by the
23 Navajo County Sheriff's Office. Respondent was charged with four counts of aggravated
24 assault, one count of kidnapping, one count of disorderly conduct, two counts of weapons
25 charges, one count of criminal damage, two counts of discharge of a weapon at a

1 structure, and three counts of endangerment. Respondent's bail has been set at \$1.25
2 million.

3 4. The charges against Respondent stem from a violent domestic dispute
4 between Respondent and his wife. According to the police report of the incident
5 Respondent and his wife argued on August 14, 2005 and he grabbed a handgun and
6 struck her in the face. Respondent's wife then ran from him. Respondent ran after his
7 wife, grabbed her and dragged her out of the house and let go of her. Respondent's wife
8 took refuge in a truck and attempted to leave the property. Respondent then grabbed
9 another handgun, pointed the handgun at his wife and fired two shots into the vehicle.
10 Respondent pointed the gun at his wife and made her get out of the vehicle. When his
11 wife got out of the vehicle, Respondent followed behind her and fired two shots at her feet.

12 5. Respondent's wife then talked with him and calmed him down. According to
13 his wife, Respondent would not let her leave the home. The next day while Respondent
14 was out of the home, his wife locked up the weapons in the home. When Respondent
15 returned he became upset with his wife. Respondent's wife left the home and called the
16 Sheriff's office. Sheriff's Officers found 50 firearms in Respondent's home at the time of
17 the arrest.

18 6. On or about November 22, 2004 one of Respondent's neighbors obtained an
19 order of protection against Respondent. The order of protection prohibited Respondent
20 from possessing, receiving or purchasing firearms or ammunition.

21 7. When interviewed by the Sheriff's office, Respondent's wife stated
22 Respondent had prescribed medicine for her that he was in fact taking himself.
23 Respondent's wife obtained an order of protection against Respondent. Prior to his arrest,
24 Respondent resigned his position as a psychiatrist with the Community Counseling Center
25 because of behavioral and other issues.

1 8. The public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action
2 by the Board.

3 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

4 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over
5 Respondent, holder of License No. 19005 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the
6 State of Arizona.

7 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional
8 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(d) ("[c]omitting a felony, whether or not involving
9 moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case, conviction by
10 any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the
11 commission;") A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(h) ("[p]rescribing or dispensing controlled substances
12 to members of the physician's immediate family;") A.R.S. § 32-1401(27)(q) ("[a]ny conduct
13 or practice that is or might be harmful or dangerous to the health of the patient or the
14 public.")

15 3. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the
16 public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. § 32-
17 1451(D).

18 **ORDER**

19 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth
20 above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

21 1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,
22 License No. 19005, is summarily suspended pending a formal hearing before an
23 Administrative Law Judge from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

24 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice
25 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against him.

Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as expeditiously as possible after the issuance of this order.

3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced as expeditiously as possible from the date of the issuance of this order, unless stipulated and agreed otherwise by Respondent.

DATED this 31st day of August 2005.



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 
TIMOTHY C. MILLER, J.D.
Executive Director

ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this 31st day of August 2005 with:

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